not be completely met from last year's allotment and that together with this year's expenditure cannot be met from this year's allotment. This Rs. 1,000 is to cover that expenditure. I request the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Demand put and carried

43. Rs. 383 under "1—Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment—Survey Training"

44. Rs. 224 under "1—Land Revenue—Dearness allowance"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 383 under "1—Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment—Survey Training" and for Rs. 244 under "1—Land Revenue—Dearness Allowance". There is a State Surveyor who is being trained. His survey training is over. He is being given land Revenue Training. This is to cover the expenditure with reference to that. The period of training has been extended by five months. That is the reason for this allotment. I request the House may be pleased to grant the amounts.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* No new recruits will be recruited now?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The State Surveyor's term is over and he has retired. A new man was sent to Madras and his training there is over. He is given Revenue Training here.

Demands put and carried

45. Rs. 30,450 under "39—(e)—3 Grain Purchase—i—Establishment"

46. Rs. 5,000 "39—(e)—3 Grain Purchase—ii—Travelling allowance"

47. Rs. 12,400 "39—(e)—3 Grain Purchase—iii—Dearness allowance"

48. Rs. 35,010 "39—(e)—3 Grain Purchase—iv—Other charges"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 30,450 under "39—(*e*)—3 Grain Purchase—*i*—Establishment", of Rs. 5,000 under "39—(*e*)—3 Grain Purchase—*ii*—Travelling Allowance", of Rs. 12,400 under "39—(*e*)—3 Grain Purchase—*iii*—Dearness Allowance" and of Rs. 35,010 under "39—(*e*)—3 Grain Purchase—*iv*—Other charges". The term of the grain Purchasing Tahsildars which was fixed originally at a certain period has been now extended to cover the whole of this year and all these four items are to cover the expenses in connection with the Grain Purchasing Tahsildars, their staff and the additional Menons employed for that purpose and the special allowances which are meant to be given to these people including T. A. and Dearness allowance.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I wanted through this cut motion to ascertain which of the officers have been given extra remuneration as yet, for doing good work.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not for doing any good work. Their pay is fixed as their personal pay plus 25 per cent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the note to the Standing Finance Committee it is stated "Besides, Grain Purchasing Tahsildars and their staff have been allowed an extra remuneration of 25 per cent of their pay if they turn out good work". Is it the case of the Government that all persons engaged in grain purchasing work are given 25 per cent. increase.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is given only if they turn out satisfactory work.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether as yet any officer has been remunerated at this 25 per cent.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes. All Tahsildars excepting Cranganur have been given this 25 per cent allowance.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Then we are to take it that all the officers employed in grain purchasing work are turning out excellent work.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It does not extend to the Deputy Tahsildar, Cranganur.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the basis or criterion to find out whether he is doing good work. Is it the maximum amount of paddy purchased.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is an expected quota to be realised from each Taluk upon the calculations of the yield. If they succeed to get in that quota based upon the original estimate, of course, their work is taken to be good. Every week they submit returns of their purchases and every time they come, they are being scrutinised. If the work is not good they are asked to turn out better work next week. At the end of the month their work is scrutinised to see whether they have done good work.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* There is an apprehension in the public mind that this additional allowance to the Tahsildars as an inducement to secure the maximum amount of paddy without any consideration of the requirements of the landholder. What I submit to the House is that this should not be a criterion because for getting this reward they won't even allow for the normal requirements of the landholder. That should not be the case. It should be done equitably and in a reasonable manner without any legitimate grievance to the landholder.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* They need not have any apprehension. Wherever they have made earnest efforts to get paddy they will be given this allowance. They have been specially asked that they should not cause any grievance to the landholders.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* To the extent to which the 25 per cent is wanted by way of extra remuneration I oppose the grant because in my opinion the grant as an inducement to a Government officer is wrong in principle.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* If you will please allow me I will explain.

Mr. President: Order. Order. Let the Hon'ble Member complete his speech.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Crangannr):* The grant of an extra remuneration to a Government servant for doing the work for which he has been appointed seems to be an absolutely wrong policy. Every Government servant when he is appointed is supposed to do his work properly, and efficiently and if you are going to remunerate everybody by giving an allowance of 25 per cent of his pay I think the first person to be remunerated is the Diwan. He is doing as much or more work than anybody else. The grant of extra bonus to the Government servants is something which even the rich Cochin Government will not be able to tolerate. Sir, there should be some different test. We have no objection at all, that in view of the nature of the work they might be given a higher grade. That is an understandable position. To make a grant of this amount, depend on the condition precedent that they should do their work properly seems to be, in my opinion, an absolutely wrong policy.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The object of giving this 25 per cent is this. These Grain Purchasing Tahsildars unlike the other officers who may be also circuiting officers have to be always out of station. Though other executive officers are also circuiting officers they need not always be out of station. To do good work the Grain Purchasing Officers have always to be out of station. T. A. is given to him. If he travels beyond a particular place he gets daily allowance. Further beyond then he gets mileage and all that. That is hardly sufficient to compensate the man. Suppose a Magistrate is taken from his place and put in charge. By going to the office and doing the work there he earns his salary. But a person who is taken from the Magistrate's place and put in charge of grain purchasing he has to be moving about in places where he will not get any T. A. or D. A. All the same he has to spend a good amount from his pocket. That is the reason for recommending this extra 25 per cent. If he does not move about then the work will have to be done by Parvathiams and other subordinates. He will not have any incentive to do the work properly. It is just to see that he is not put in a worse position when he is taken from a place where he was actually earning his salary, that this out of pocket expenses to the tune of 25 per cent of his salary are given to him. Whether he does his work properly or merely takes 25 per cent will be seen by the out-turn which he shows at the end of the month.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* The out-turn means paddy collection. So it comes to my point.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am also constrained, Sir, to oppose that portion of the supplementary grant which covers this 25 per cent extra remuneration to the Grain Purchasing Tahsildars and their staff. I must confess that I was not prepared for the answer that was very easily given by the Hon'ble Food Supplies Commissioner that every Grain Purchasing Tahsildar and every member of his staff is paid 25 per cent or ten rupees or five rupees or whatever it be. Unfortunately, the notes to the Standing Finance Committee shows, "Besides, Grain Purchasing Tahsildars and their staff have been allowed an extra remuneration of 25 per cent of their pay if they turn out good work". We have to take your printed explanation for the demand as true.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* As regards the subordinate staff the Revenue Inspector gets Rs. 10, and the Village Menon and Masapidy get only Rs. 5.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The Revenue Inspector gets a certain amount, the Parvathiam gets a certain amount, Menon certain amount and Masapidy certain amount. That is because they have always to go out of station.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is that 25 per cent?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Of course, if you take 25 per cent for a peon it will be very little. We must give them something so that they may be compensated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Even with the correction, Sir, I am constrained to oppose the grant to the extent of 25 per cent of the Tahsildar's pay and to the extent of the amount given to the Revenue Inspectors, Parvathiams, Menons and Masapidies. I was not prepared for that answer from the Hon'ble Member for Food Supplies. I had been urging in this House at the time of the discussion on Food Supplies and I have also endeavoured in other ways to see that honest, good, efficient work by the Grain Purchasing staff is properly, sufficiently and decently remunerated. That has been my endeavour and when I found in this supplementary demand that some portion of this huge amount of Rs. 82,860 covers that, I was so much pleased not because that recommendation of mine has been accepted by the Government but more because that deserving hands have been remunerated by the Government. And as has been pointed out in this cut my first object was to ascertain who amongst this Grain Purchasing Staff have been remunerated and then to urge upon the Government to do anything and everything that will make the Grain Purchasing work a complete success that it ought to be. Otherwise we may be worse off. I am opposing the motion to that extent. What is the fun of saying that a Grain Purchasing Tahsildar for the reason of being a Grain Purchasing Tahsildar, that the Village Menon, the Revenue Inspector, Parvathiam and Masapidy for the reason of doing some work connected with Grain Purchasing is to get 25 per cent in the case of the Tahsildar, Rs. 10 in the case of the Revenue Inspector and Rs. 5 in the case of others—one cannot understand the reason. As was so correctly put by the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur if this is the criterion every other officer commencing from the Diwan and ending with the Masapidy must be remunerated like that. On the other hand, as stated in the Note to the Standing Finance Committee if they turn out good work, they must be given this 25 per cent extra. What is now explained by the Hon'ble Member for Revenue is that these officers have to be given out of pocket expenses and the T. A. and the D. A. rules prescribe certain limits for T. A. and D. A. and there are very many instances where they will not get anything for T. A. or D. A. At the same time they will have to spend money from their pockets. This it is stated is given to compensate out of pocket expenses. Then can you not say in your Notes that this is what you have done. Unless this point has been raised and effectively raised by my friend, a Member of the Standing Finance Committee we would have voted for this amount because this money is to be spent for a good cause. We would have been fooled. Luckily the instance came up in the Standing Finance Committee and we know where we are and no Hon'ble Member who is conscious of his duties to the public will vote for this amount, because this is a wholesale case of certain officers being given this 25 per cent for the simple reason of their being connected with grain purchasing. An absurd proposition. I can understand a Grain Purchasing Tahsildar in comparison with another Grain Purchasing Tahsildar turning out excellent work and for that reason being remunerated.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Why should good work in the Grain Purchasing work alone be compensated. The Hon'ble Member is ready to concede that excellent work turned out by a Grain Purchasing Tahsildar should be compensated. Why should that be done. Why not an Assistant Engineer's good work be compensated. Why not a doctor's work also be compensated. Therefore, the Hon'ble Member himself is willing to make a distinction between Grain Purchasing Work and other works of Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* A question that we put was if this is the test should not the Assistant Engineer or the Chief Medical Officer or for the matter, that the Secretary to Government be given 25, 50 or 100 per cent. But the Treasury Bench has put back that question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Hon'ble Member should answer the question because he is willing to make a distinction between Grain Purchasing work on the one hand and the other kinds of work on the other. We also make the same distinction. We have also added a rider in that order that if a Grain Purchasing Tahsildar does not turn out satisfactory results this 25 per cent should be cut. We are quite on the same ground with the Hon'ble Member. That point cannot be shirked.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : The Hon'ble Secretary's position is that poor myself is willing to make a difference in the case of the Grain Purchasing Tahsildars or the Grain Purchasing staff for turning out not their normal work but something out of the normal in the field of Grain Purchasing which affects the rationing, which affects the stomach of the poor and the rich alike. It is for that reason, for the particular kind of work that I am prepared to make a difference. But not for this omnibus process of giving every Tom, Dick and Harry for the simple reason of his being connected with the grain purchasing work that I am prepared to give. Stick to your statement in the note to the Standing Finance Committee "If they turn out good work". Could not the Government understand that there will be difference between Tahsildar and Tahsildar, Revenue Inspector and Revenue Inspector and like that down to the Village Menon in the nature of the work and in the particular field of grain purchasing turned out from village to village and taluk to taluk.....

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : There are instances which I have got in my mind when I urge their cause. I know there are Tahsildars who have done a lot of work who have been able to commandeer a very large stock of paddy which others would not have been able to do, while certain others in other Taluks were not able to do. You have necessarily to explain your cause and support your cause.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I question that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : Questioning will not answer a question.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: That is not a fact that one man did not commandeer paddy which ought to have been taken. Every Tahsildar has done his work most splendidly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : With equal vehemence, if not more vehemence, I also assert and state my case that as between Tahsildar and Tahsildar there is difference when similar conditions exist. Let us not argue and force things to naming of persons and naming of quantity. Let us understand each other. So, my position is that this omnibus process of remunerating grain-purchasing staff is objected to.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : There is no omnibus process. Government order has added a rider that unless exceptionally good work is done, this allowance will not be given. There will be a corresponding cut. The Hon'ble Member does not understand it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : It has not been stated.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : Perhaps it was not put in the note to the Standing Finance Committee. It was not thought necessary to add everything in the notes to the Standing Finance Committee. When the point came up, I answered that this is not a blank cheque to be applied to all and there will be discriminations, if necessary, on right lines. Therefore, this is not so to say a uniform allowance. Of course, 25 per cent is the maximum allowance provided very good work is done. Suppose a Tahsildar shirks work, suppose a Revenue Inspector does not turn out good work as he ought to. There will be a corresponding cut. And certificates will be insisted upon from the Heads of Departments. The Comptroller of Finance and Accounts is there to verify all these things before the Bill is finally audited. All these things are in the Government Proceedings. Why should Hon'ble Members doubt it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : But what is it that the Hon'ble Revenue Member said? Is it on the same lines of the Secretary.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: This point did not come up. The moment it came I answered it. We cannot anticipate all the side issues that will be raised in the course of the discussion. Only when it is actually raised can we give an answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkaucheri)* : But when pointed questions have been made and have been answered quite unequivocally in that it is given out of pocket expenses to be compensated by giving this omnibus 25 per cent. Rs. 10 or Rs. 5. Perhaps you take exception to the word "omnibus".

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : This allowance is primarly in view of the exceptionally hard nature of the work. It will be given only if the work is also satisfactorly. If the work is not satisfactory the allowance will not be given. One reason why it is given is exactly the hard work.

Mr. President : If I may say so the various reasons put forward from the Govern ment Benches are not mutally exclusive or destructive of one another. They are complementary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: To that extent we are prepared to complement the Treasury Benches, to the extent that each member's answer is complementary to the members. Still the position remains the same. It has been stated.....

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. President: Order, order. Does the Hon'ble Member assert that the various arguments put forward from the Government benches are mutally inconsistent with one another ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* They are not. The only thing is if what the Hon'ble Secretary has been pleased to state now had been stated before, much of the discussion would not have been necessary here at all. It has been stated that if a Tahsildar or any member of the staff in the grain purchasing scheme shirks his duty they will not be given this amount. That is not enough. If a man shirks his duty he has to be punished either by suspension or degradation, or if necessary by dismissal. That is no answer for the other position. There is a difference between punishing a man for shirking his duty and the remunerating in individual officer for doing extraordinarly good work. We are on the latter. Compensate him and munificently and decently compensate persons who do extraordinarily good work, particularly in this all-important purchasing work. We are on that issue, and unless it be the criterion that excellant work is turned out by A, B or C they will not be compensated. We are not very much concerned with 25 per cent or whether it is more. I would say personally that it may be more even. But the test should be this, has he done good work. If he had not done even his normal work, punish him mercilessly, especially when he is shirking the duties with regard to a matter affecting the stomach of the poor subjects of His Highness the Maharaja. It is in that light that the proposition has to be understood and it is in that light that to the extent of this remuneration without any distinction being given that we object to, and I am constrained, as I submitted before, to oppose that part of the motion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether Government has objection to accept the suggestion raised by the Honourable Member for Cranganur to give all these grain purchasing officers a higher grade of pay and then to punish or degrade them or revert them if they do not do good work. The present system of giving a sort of commission to travelling representatives of firms who turn out good work, *e.g.*, insurance agents is not proper. This sort of commission paid to insurance agents is not desirable on the part of the Government. Moreover even the Tahsildars turning Revenue work are already overworked officers. Once they were in the Secretariat, and for efficiency they were sent out. When they become Tahsildars they become inefficient. People in the State understand what good work these Tahsildars turn out in the matter of the grain purchase. Grain purchasing Tahsildars have turned out very responsible work and for that I say the grain purchasing Tahsildars should be given a higher grade. This sort of insurance business won't do.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* We shall consider the suggestion at the time of the next Budget. That will be the proper time. Any way till today it has to be paid. If Government Order should be respected then this ought to be paid. Therefore, I say we have passed about 8 months, we shall as well wait four months by which time the next Budget will be prepared. Then this question will be considered. Questions of seniority will also arise immediately the grade is revised. That will be a complicated issue and naturally we want some more time. The effect is all the same. Therefore the question can be considered in greater detail at the time of the next Budget.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the highest amount of this 25 per cent ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* 25 per cent is the maximum.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the actual figure ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice for that.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Rs. 250 is the maximum for a Tahsildar. It will be about Rs. 60.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Do all the grain purchasing Tahsildars get their maximum pay ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know why this additional expenditure was allowed to be incurred by the Government before this House was consulted.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Even last year it was paid. Ever since the grain purchasing staff was appointed it was given.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I stated at the outset, that for the period which was covered by the grant moved last year. The whole thing has been paid. This is for the extended period. For more than one year they have been paid in that fashion.

Mr. T. S. Ramachadra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* I am also constrained to oppose this demand on principle. I shall explain. The Honourable Secretary to Government has admitted the rationale of the oposition. We are one with you that

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

good work deserves recognition at the hands of the Governmemt. And questions of seniority were pointed out. I agree. But to pick and choose as between officer and officer in one and same department is not proper, and you yourself have conceded the rationale of the objection. You say it is just a matter of a few months for the Budget to be framed and the position can be reconsidered there. But I don't think that is an excuse for the Government and this House to make themselves responsible for a policy which is inherently rotten and unsound. I think even now the Government can set right the position. Allow this bonus to all persons in the departments and if particular persons are found to be unfit, chuck them out, bring more suitable men and appoint really able men. That is my opinion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether there is a rule in the Standing Orders that if an officer is deputed for some work in another department he has to be given 25 per cent allowance. Is it not the same here ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No, no.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I rise to support this motion. I think a good deal of apprehension is created because the House stands already committed to this expenditure, because the period is extended we have to give them.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* The rider is objected to.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* If you do not give them, there are 2 or 3 positions arising. The Government have given them for a certain period, and this House has given its consent. How can Government go back upon it ? I join with you in thinking that Government should give them a proper scale. But whatever it is the system has been adopted and it has to come to its legitimate end. What else can it do ? As the Secretary to Government explained, the Government's word should have weight. Proceedings have been issued, and they have been appointed. It will create a situation in which they will have to certify. Having committed to the policy it is better for us not to press the cut motion. Otherwise we will be giving them a good handle to use their certification power which we should not allow them to do, unless to bring out in relief that Government and we are at logger heads. Therefore I say on that ground there is much to be stated in the oposition but nevertheless we are constrained to support Government.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* There is no objection to consider the suggestions from certain quarters here that there should be revised rates even immediately. Government will consider that.

Mr. President: Is Mr. Ezhuthassan pressing his cut motion ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I don't press the cut motion.

The cut motion by leave withdrawn.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I move that the amount of Rs. 35,010 for grain purchase be reduced by Re. 1. The object is to urge on the Government the necessity of supplying the grain purchasing Tahsildars with a good car during the season of vigorous purchase, *i. e.* at the time of harvest.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is not possible to supply the car. But instead a sum of Rs. 153 has been sanctioned as car allowance for each of the Tahsildars. This is a very recent order.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it enough ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The very grain purchasing system Sir, was started as early as January 1942 with the Mundakan harvest of last year. We had the Mundakan harvest of last year (1942) the Virippu crop that is the August crop of 1943 and again the January crop of 1944. We are running on to the Puncha crop that is April crop (1944) in Trichur and Mukundapuram Taluks mainly, a very small extent in the Talappalli Taluk, and before we meet for the Budget whether the Council is disolved or not, the August (1944) crop will be about to be harvested. What I want through this cut motion is to see that the Government supplies in areas where there is sufficient quantity of paddy to be purchased like the Talappalli Taluk, Trichur Taluk, Mukundapuram Taluk and Chittur Taluk. In those areas, Sir, the harvest whichever the crop be, is almost at the same time. At that particular period, not for the whole period of 12 months, a good car be placed at the disposal of the grain-purchasing Tahsildar of those areas, during the vigorous periods of collections which is one or two weeks before the harvesting commences and after the harvest till the brunt of the work is over, is the prayer that I place before the Government through this cut motion. I have used the words "good car". I have particular reason for it. The car shed in the Talappalli public offices is not useable now for the last 2 months for parking car, because there is a useless car which has been sent over to the Talappalli Tahsildar, which is

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

kept there obstructing the parking of any other vehicle. That car is not going to help the grain purchasing work at all. With regard to the Talappalli Taluk, all except the southern boundary which borders Trichur Taluk, all the other areas have British territory for boundary. In those areas persons residing very nearly two or three furlongs, at them even a mile from the border, British residents will be owners of lands here in Cochin, and unless the grain purchasing Tahsildar and the Staff and the Excise Preventive force are very vigilant, very active and very prompt, the chances are that the bulk of the paddy belonging to the British owners who cultivate in Cochin soil will cross the border and that to our disadvantage. In these days, the Tahsildar has to be running from place to place. I have seen the Tahsildar both in the Talappalli and Trichur Taluks stranded on the road, the bus breaking down and not another bus being available for hours together. I think that with a good car he will be able to rush up to the frontier, do some useful work there, see that paddy does not cross the frontier. All his day's work is gone, at times, for want of a car. This is a thing which I have been urging upon the Government during the last Budget Session. I am glad that a small car has been placed at the disposal of the Talappalli Tahsildar. But the thing is that it must be a workable car and it must be placed at the disposal of Tahsildar. I cannot speak with authority upon all the Taluks. Especially in Talappalli and Trichur Taluks it is required. Of course, Chittur Taluk also. So, my case is that a good car may be placed at the disposal of the Tahsildars during the busy season. That is an imperative necessity. Any money spent upon it is money well spent and the return will be much out of proportion. So, my request to Government is that Government be pleased to accept this suggestion and see that it is worked out, so that in the case of the puncha crop or at least the August crop of 1944 a good car be placed at the disposal or all Tahsildars who are connected with this work and that in good time.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, it is a very important matter. I am surprised to find that Government thought that with Rs. 150 a motor car can be run for a month by a Tahsildar even though in his own district. We who have got a little experience in hiring cars, know the difficulty now-a-days. Re. 1—8—0 is the present rate for a mile. If you expect the poor Tahsildars to be able to manage with Rs. 150 it will be out of the question.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Before sanctioning the allowance, enquiries were made of the Tahsildars and they informed me that they would be able to manage to get a car with this allowance of Rs. 150. Government did not find it possible to supply cars and so this amount is sanctioned.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* That is due to their want of experience. They may think that Rs. 150 is a great amount and that they can manage with Rs. 150. That should not weigh with the Government. The officers may know what it is to maintain a car. It is out of the question I think to maintain a car. There may be expenses of petrol, travel and other incidental expenses. For all these purposes if you think that with Rs. 150 they can manage it efficiently with a car, it will be that no work will be done. If that is the idea to satisfy him for which it was given, alright. But if he is actually to do the work in a car, then I think Government will be kind enough to consider what the actual cost is and at least give the officer a car at Government expense, for this is much more important work. Giving them simply money is useless. It is money unnecessarily given which will never serve the purpose.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* I would entirely agree with the Member for Mattancheri, if the Tahsildars have only to pass along the roads, they very seldom resort to cars. They hire carriages and go to places where they could get paddy. It is not for show that they wanted this Rs. 150. They have taken all these into account and have said that they will be satisfied with Rs. 150. Hence this Rs. 150 is sanctioned to them.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Now, an allowance of Rs. 150 has been sanctioned to all the Tahsildars. The question will arise only in August next when the question will be considered. If Government have cars to spare, cars will be given, or the allowance will be continued. Only in case the Tahsildars find it difficult to get cars, would the other question arise. Suppose they are quite willing to receive the allowance and make arrangements for the car. That question will arise in Agust next.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Even before this allowance was given, when there was heavy work there are cases when they were able to hire cars.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* I would like to inform the Government that the position in Chittur Taluk is that people are too ready to measure out paddy and the Government are not in a position to take measurement of the same promptly I am speaking from personal knowledge. Very respectable people have been keeping paddy harvested two months back and till today Government have not been able to take measurement

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

of the paddy. I do not know the necessity for any car so far as Chittur Taluk is concerned. There the people are pressing Government to take measurement of paddy and instead of spending Rs. 150 for a car, I think you will do well to increase the subordinate staff in the Department so that the work of taking measurement of paddy may be expedited. I do not object to any officer getting something extra for good work done. But please enlarge the staff so that the people are not compelled to keep paddy in hand which they would like to get converted into cash.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is true that in Chittur there are a large number of voluntary purchases. It is a place surrounded on all sides by British border. The Tahsildar has to go to a large number of small holdings to take paddy. Immediately after the harvest, everybody wants to sell paddy simultaneously. So, there is voluntary offer and there is delay in measuring.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* I think you are labouring under a misapprehension. Government have engaged special staff to watch the outflow of paddy. What is the rationale for allowing an officer Rs. 150 and asking him to run about. Do you verify where he runs about?

Mr. President: Is the Hon'ble Member pressing his cut motion?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am not pressing the cut motion. Of course, Government will do the needful before the next viruppu crops are harvested.

Cut motion by leave withdrawn

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Before that item is put like that, what exactly is the proportion of 25 per cent in that Rs. 30,000 should be known, because I oppose only that. So, that figure may be worked out and that may be separately put.

Mr. President: I suggest that if an hon'ble member objects to a particular item and if he wishes to vote against a particular item, the proper course is, when I put the particular demand of Rs. 30,000 separately, to vote against that.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* That Rs. 30,000 includes not only the pay but also the 25 per cent.

Mr. President: In that case, the hon'ble member ought to have given notice of a motion to reduce the grant by a sum which he estimates will cover the cost of the 25 per cent.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* How can I estimate?

Mr. President: It is possible to find out; I am afraid I cannot help the hon'ble member. now. His only course now is to vote against one of these grants. He is opposing the Rs. 30,000.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I do not want your help, Sir. I am opposing all the same.

Mr. President: I said just now that I would put the particular grant to which he objects. I am now putting the 3 grants.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I am opposing two.

Mr. President: I understood the hon'ble member to say that he was opposing one.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Out of the Rs. 30,000 I oppose 25 per cent.

Mr. President: I have not put the Rs. 30,000 yet.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Rs. 150, the car allowance also I am opposing

Demands put and carried

49. Rs. 1,920—0—0 under "1—Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment"

50. Rs. 320—0—0 under "1—Land Revenue—Dearness allowance"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,920 under "1—Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment", and Rs. 320 under "1—Land Revenue—Dearness allowance". The staff of the Cochin-Kanayannur and Trichur Treasuries have been strengthened by the addition of one Assistant Samorathy for each and 2 accountants on Rs. 40—60 and each of the other Treasuries, of Mukundapuram and Talappalli has been strengthened by an addition of one accountant each. These amounts are required to cover the establishment charges, rather the pay of the staff and the dearness allowance.

Demands put and carried

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly